



Report from Mayor Jennifer Gregerson

to the Community, City Council and City Staff

September 2, 2014

My monthly report on my activities, ensuring that I remain accountable and connected to our community.

Sustainability

- Discussed new NPDES requirements for stormwater management with engineering staff. Stormwater is a key topic for Mukilteo. We need to make sure we handle our water in the right way that prevents property impacts, keeps our bluffs safe and keeps our stormwater treated and clean as it reaches Puget Sound. We are conducting a stormwater comprehensive plan study to examine all the needs, costs, and create recommendations for stormwater management in the next 10 years.
- Participated in a State Shoreline Hearings case in San Juan County. I serve as an alternate to the Shoreline Hearings Board, and am occasionally assigned to a case. I serve as a judge for appeals of shoreline permits. This is a great way to participate in our growth and land use system in the state, and learn about other communities and challenges they face.
- Attended the Green Team monthly meeting to discuss strategies and ideas for making



Celebrating Volunteerism

Mayor Gregerson helps honor Citizen of the Year recipients: Ann Brice, accepting on behalf of her late husband, Jim Brice, and John Collier, volunteer and current President of the Mukilteo Historical Society. They will be honored again during the Lighthouse Festival, on Saturday, September 6 at 3pm at the Lighthouse

ing changes in city operations. We discovered that only one department was purchasing recycled paper for our copy machines. We will be implementing that change throughout the city moving forward. Each month, the city uses about 9 reams of paper.

- Attended panel discussion on coal and oil trains in Washington State. Speakers included Ross McFarlane from Climate Solutions, Eric de Place from

the Sightline Institute, Terry Finn, a consultant for BNSF, Joseph Ritzman from SSA International, the builder of the Cherry Point terminal in Whatcom County, a planner from PSRC and Edmonds Mayor Dave Earling.

Biking and Walking

- Received a monthly update from our Public Works department. We discussed mobility grant process and recommended project that the City will pursue an alternate access crossing for walkers and bikers to the waterfront.
- Participated in a staff meeting discussing capital project planning for 2015 as well as the upcoming comprehensive plan update.
- Biked to work several times this month, being healthier, saving gas and reducing carbon emissions.

Community Outreach

- Visited an Edmonds Community College high school completion class on ecology and citizenry to share and answer questions about my work as Mayor

Mayor's Action Agenda

Preserving Our Streets • Green Team • Japanese Gulch • Human Resources
Edgewater Beach Access • Fire Regionalization • Domestic Violence Services

and Mukilteo. I love answering questions from students and hearing their stories. I met an inspiring student who was frustrated about public participation when her former high school in the Highline District was closed, against the wishes of the students and parents. She did not seem swayed from future civic participation, however, which I was glad to see!

- Met with Kevin Stoltz to talk about issues in the city, including community organizations and recreation funding.
- Met with Nicole Thomsen, planning commissioner.
- Met the winner of the Mukilteo Beacon contest for Mayor for the Day, Lara Wahidi. Lara is a student at Harbour Pointe Middle School, and wrote a great essay describing why she loves Mukilteo!



Mayor Gregerson proclaimed August 18th to be Kohta Hansen Community Service Day, in honor of Kohta Hansen, a sophomore from Kamiak High School with a stellar record of volunteering for many years.

- Attended the Snohomish County Cities and Towns monthly meeting. The group discussed legislative priorities for the upcoming session. We discussed priorities and each voiced support for specific priorities. I supported the push to request a transportation package that includes \$1 billion for Snohomish County projects, asking the legislature to create



The Mukilteo Community Garden has contributed over 1000 pounds of food to the Mukilteo Food Bank this year through garden plots like this one!

revenue options for the future Sound Transit 3 package, and encouraging the legislature to add clawback provisions, or assurance devices, to future tax incentives.

- Met with representatives from the Mukilteo Historical Society to discuss issues of mutual interest.
- Handed out awards at the Run A Muk race, leading up to Lighthouse Festival, September 5-6-7.

Waterfront

- Attended monthly Mukilteo Multimodal Ferry Terminal project update meeting, attended by representatives from WSFerries, the City, Island County, NOAA, Tulalip Tribes and the Port of Everett. WSF is planning an open house in Mukilteo at the Rosehill Community Center on October 8th, from 5-7pm. They will be presenting mitigation ideas and taking suggestions from the public for pedestrian and traffic mitigation impacts from the entire project. The project will begin in July, 2015 with Phase 1- removal of the old tank farm pier.
- Met with Port of Everett staff to discuss tank farm property transfer details and prepare for the council meeting presenta-

tion.

- Toured NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Science facility on the Mukilteo waterfront. We saw various research work being done there, including genetic research on english sole, abalone research and other work. Their close and efficient access to deep, clean water enables them to do great research at the Mukilteo facility. Our staff continue to coordinate closely with NOAA as they plan for the future of their site.
- Discussed options for downtown and waterfront parking with staff.



Mayor Gregerson visited the NOAA Northwest Fisheries Center Mukilteo Research Station on Mukilteo's waterfront, for a tour with city staff. Research on salmon, english sole, and other fish, as well as on ocean acidification, is conducted at the Mukilteo facility.

A Financially Sound City

- Participated in annual audit conference with WCIA, the City's insurance carrier. The City has a lower rate and value of claims than other cities our size.
- Attended the Council's Finance Committee meeting.

A Vibrant Economy

- Attended the Chamber of Commerce monthly after hours event, at the Community Garden. Then Garden has delivered 1000 pounds of food to the Food Bank this year!

In the last 12 months, City employees have saved **1,912** pounds of CO2 emissions by choosing to commute via bike, walking, transit or carpooling

- Attended the Economic Alliance of Snohomish County summer networking event at the Future of Flight. I had great conversations with other elected officials, like the Mayors of Snohomish and Darrington, Mukilteo residents and business owners.
- Met with Meghan McKee of UET to hear updates on their business this year and share news about the City. UET continues to grow their business, hiring more people in Mukilteo and serving energy companies with their innovative renewable energy battery storage solution.
- Attended the Chamber of Commerce monthly breakfast. Port of Everett Director John Mohr shared an update and background on the Port's activities and history.
- Celebrated a grand opening and ribbon cutting at Nic's Barbershop in the Village Center neighborhood.

A Safe Community

- Spent half a shift with Corporal Bredstrand as part of a ride along with the police. It was great to see a day in the life with one of our officers. I appreciate the great work that they do to keep our community safe.
- Attended the State Interoperability Executive Committee meeting, as a member.
- Attended meeting with north and south county Mayors to discuss emergency management services.

A Great Team

- Negotiated with three of the city's five labor groups to settle our expired 2014-2016 contracts with those groups. I am disappointed that negotiation on these contracts was not finished in 2013, and that it took us several months this year. I have learned that we need to start early when these contracts next expire.
- Met with IAFF labor group to discuss concerns and future plans.